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1 **AN ACT** *to repeal* 344.32; and *to amend* 343.39 (1) (a), 344.18 (1m) (a), 344.18
2 (3m) (a), 344.26 (1), 344.27 (2), 344.30 (1), 344.33 (1), 344.34, 344.42 and 631.37
3 (4) (e) of the statutes; **relating to:** the requirement that a nonresident provide
4 proof of financial responsibility for the operation of a motor vehicle to reinstate
5 a suspended operating privilege or vehicle registration (suggested as remedial
6 legislation by the Department of Transportation).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

7 **SECTION 1.** 343.39 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
8 343.39 (1) (a) When, in the case of a suspended operating privilege, the period
9 of suspension has terminated, the fees specified in s. 343.21 (1) (j) and (n) have been
10 paid to the department and, for reinstatement of an the operating privilege of a

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1 resident suspended under ch. 344, the person files with the department proof of
2 financial responsibility, if required, in the amount, form, and manner specified under
3 ch. 344.

4 **SECTION 2.** 344.18 (1m) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 344.18 **(1m)** (a) Unless 3 years have elapsed since the date that a requirement
6 under sub. (1) (a), (b), (c), or (d) has been met or unless the person is a nonresident,
7 the person whose operating privilege or registration was suspended or revoked
8 under s. 344.14 shall file with the department and maintain in effect proof of
9 financial responsibility in the amount, form, and manner specified in this chapter.

10 **SECTION 3.** 344.18 (3m) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 344.18 **(3m)** (a) Unless 3 years have elapsed since the date that a requirement
12 under sub. (3) (a) or (b) has been met or unless the person is a nonresident, the person
13 whose operating privilege or registration was suspended or revoked under sub. (3)
14 shall file with the department and maintain in effect proof of financial responsibility
15 in the amount, form, and manner specified in this chapter.

16 **SECTION 4.** 344.26 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 344.26 **(1)** Subject to the exceptions stated in ss. 344.25 (2) and 344.27 (2), any
18 operating privilege or registration suspended or revoked under s. 344.25 shall
19 remain suspended or revoked until every judgment mentioned in s. 344.25 is stayed,
20 satisfied, or discharged and, unless 3 years have elapsed since the date on which the
21 judgment was stayed, satisfied, or discharged or unless the person is a nonresident,
22 until the person whose operating privilege and registration was suspended or
23 revoked furnishes and maintains in effect proof of financial responsibility for the
24 future.

25 **SECTION 5.** 344.27 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 344.27 (2) The secretary shall not suspend the operating privilege or
2 registration and shall restore any operating privilege or registration suspended
3 following nonpayment of a judgment when the judgment debtor obtains such order
4 permitting the payment of the judgment in installments and, unless 3 years have
5 elapsed since the date on which the order permitting the payment of the judgment
6 in installments is filed with the secretary or unless the judgment debtor is a
7 nonresident, furnishes and maintains proof of financial responsibility for the future.

8 **SECTION 6.** 344.30 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 344.30 (1) Certification of insurance as provided in s. 344.31 ~~or 344.32~~; or

10 **SECTION 7.** 344.32 of the statutes is repealed.

11 **SECTION 8.** 344.33 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 344.33 (1) CERTIFICATION. In this chapter, “motor vehicle liability policy” means
13 a motor vehicle policy of liability insurance, certified as provided in s. 344.31 ~~or~~
14 ~~344.32~~ as proof of financial responsibility for the future, and issued, ~~except as~~
15 ~~otherwise provided in s. 344.32~~, by an insurer authorized to do an automobile
16 liability business in this state to or for the benefit of the person named in the policy
17 as the insured.

18 **SECTION 9.** 344.34 of the statutes is amended to read:

19 **344.34 Notice of cancellation or termination of certified policy.** When
20 an insurer has certified a motor vehicle liability policy under s. 344.31, ~~a policy under~~
21 ~~s. 344.32~~ or a bond under s. 344.36, the insurance so certified shall not be canceled
22 or terminated until at least 10 days after a notice of cancellation or termination of
23 the insurance so certified has been filed in the office of the secretary. No insurance
24 so certified may be canceled or terminated by the insurer prior to the expiration of
25 90 days from the effective date of the certification on the grounds of failure to pay a

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1 premium when due. Such a certified policy or bond subsequently procured shall, on
2 the effective date of its certification, terminate the insurance previously certified.
3 Any certification or recertification filed by the same insurer following cancellation
4 shall be accompanied by a fee of \$3 payable by the insurer.

5 **SECTION 10.** 344.42 of the statutes is amended to read:

6 **344.42 Submission of certifications and recertifications by insurers.**

7 If the sum of certifications and recertifications under ss. 344.31, ~~344.32~~ and 344.34
8 that are submitted by an insurer to the department in any year exceeds 1,000, the
9 insurer shall pay to the department a transaction fee of \$1.50 per certification or
10 recertification that is not transmitted electronically to the department. The
11 department shall promulgate rules establishing procedures for the collection of
12 transaction fees under this section.

13 **SECTION 11.** 631.37 (4) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 631.37 **(4)** (e) *Motor vehicle liability policy.* Section 344.34 applies to motor
15 vehicle liability policies certified under s. 344.31 ~~and to policies certified under s.~~
16 ~~344.32.~~

17 **SECTION 12. Initial applicability.**

18 (1) This act first applies to proof of financial responsibility filed with the
19 secretary of transportation on the effective date of this subsection.

20 (END)